

2026 World Cup Prediction Round of 16 Analysis

June-July 2026

Rohan maintains his grip on first place with Brian right behind. Joaquín marches on to 3rd - in two weeks, that's EIGHTEEN places moved. Amir moved up TEN places to fifth. This race, like the World Cup, is heating up!

1 Points Table

Rank	Player	Points	Misclassification Rate	Change
1	Rohan	237	0.4167	=
2	Brian	235	0.4306	=
3	Joaquín	222	0.4583	↑
4	Claude	220	0.3472	↓
5	Amir	220	0.3611	↑
6	PK	220	0.4306	=
7	Shyam	219	0.3889	↑
8	Akshath	218	0.4167	↑
9	Pratik	217	0.375	↑
10	Octavio	212	0.3889	↓
11	Josh	211	0.3889	↑
12	Kaleb	209	0.3194	↓
13	Saathvik	209	0.3472	↓
14	Shanky	208	0.4028	↑
15	Gemini	204	0.3611	↓
16	Pankaj	203	0.3472	↑
17	Saukap	202	0.3611	↓
18	Abhijeet	201	0.3889	↓
19	Ritesh	200	0.3889	↑
20	Nitish	200	0.4306	↑
21	Dylan	199	0.4306	↑
22	Luigi	199	0.4722	↑
23	Shreyas	197	0.4861	↑
24	Praveen	194	0.4167	↓
25	Anuroop	193	0.4583	↓
26	Smarak	192	0.375	↓
27	Mustafa	191	0.375	↓
28	Adarsh	189	0.4568	↑
29	Hari	177	0.4583	↑
30	Vatsin	175	0.5139	↓

2 Rules Update

- I am traveling this week without access to my laptop so Pranav will be administering the QF stage. Thank you Pranav!

3 Analytics

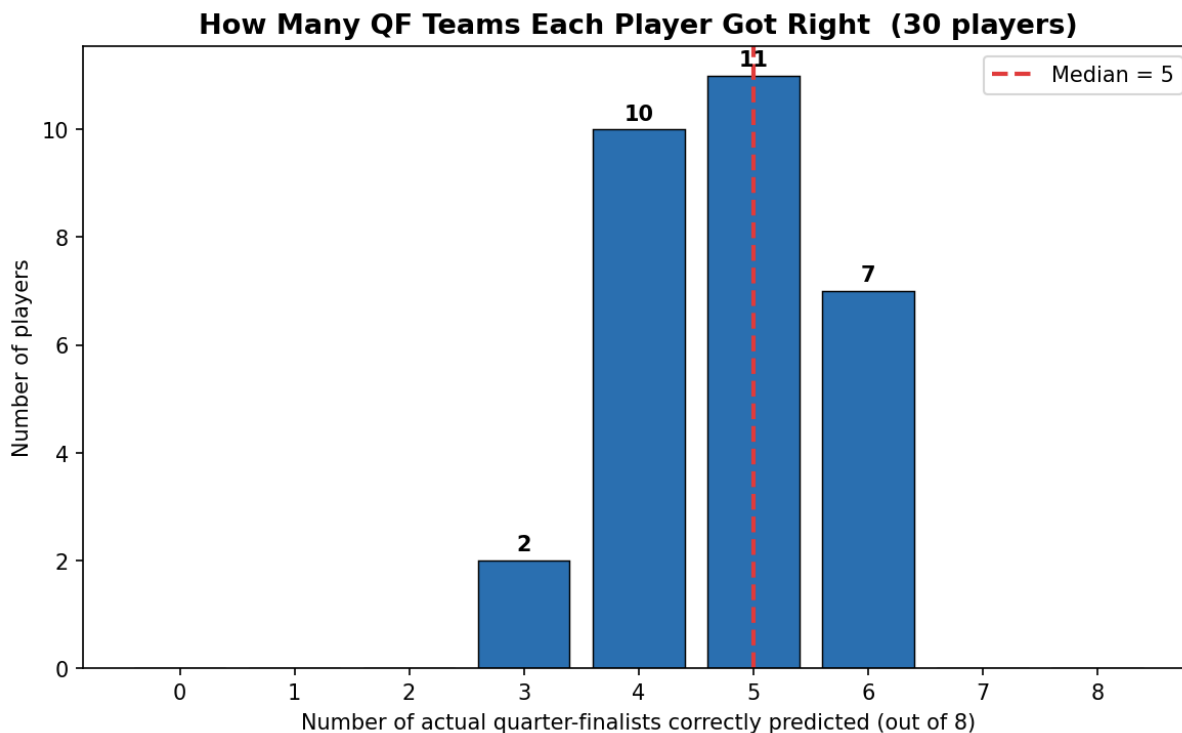
Average Points: 205.8

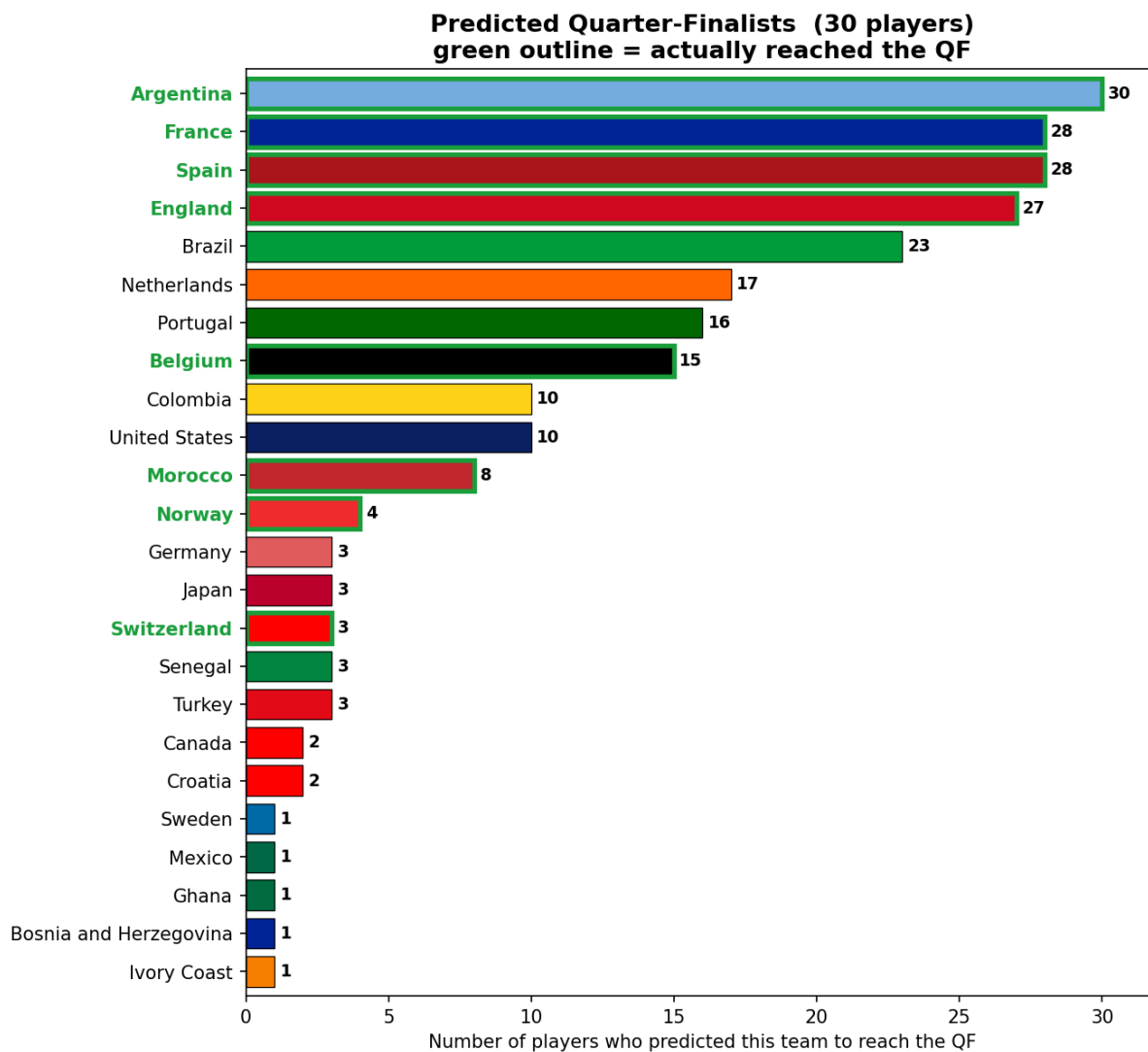
Standard Deviation: 14.5

Median: 203.5

Range: 62

- The theoretical maximum at this stage is 528 points. Our current leader Rohan has about 44% of that number. Kudos!
- Our top three, Amir, Pratik and Nitish called six out of the eight quarter-finalists. Super!
- The median is 5, pretty good!
- Had Egypt progressed, all of us would have missed it! Argentina's post-second hydration break inspired performance meant we all received eight points. Consequently, there is still no team that made it through that was not predicted by someone or the other.





4 Bravery

A creative Claude suggestion: bravery.

What it measures: rewarding correct QF picks by how rare they were. Getting a team everyone had (Argentina) proves nothing; being one of the few who called a surprise (Switzerland) is the real skill. So each correct pick is weighted by how unpopular it was.

How the score is built: for every team a player correctly picked to reach the QF, they earn $30 - (\text{number of players who picked that team})$. Wrong picks earn nothing. Then those are summed.

